

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the abstract with this amended version:

The invention ~~comprises~~includes a bar-shaped light source and a light guiding plate for entering a light of the light source from the lateral end surface and emitting the light from the emissive surface, wherein a cover having the bracket shaped cross sectional shape for covering the bar-shaped light source and one portion of the light guiding plate supports the light source at the lateral side portion of the light guiding plate, the bracket-shaped cover made of a spring material in a shape of clip pinches the light guiding plate through a pressing portion on the inner surface of the cover, and the projections extended on the both sides of the cover are adopted to position the light guiding plate accurately in the width direction.

On page 15, replace the paragraph beginning on line 11 with this amended paragraph:

Fig. 5 is a view for use in describing the measurement relationship of the cross section of the light source cover 15 in the first embodiment. As illustrated, the light source cover 15 in the first embodiment has the cross section of the substantially bracket-shaped (a shape of "[" in Fig. 5), and the narrowest width F at the tangent 15a is measured to the bottom portion 15d from the tangent 15a and is on the side of the opening portion of the shape of "[" is smaller than the width A of the deepest portion of the shape of "[". Namely, in Fig. 5, $F < A$. Since the light source cover 15 is made of a metal superior in the spring characteristic, the strongest spring force is generated in the portion of the tangent 15a, which can press the light guiding plate powerfully and pinch it fixedly.

On page 16, replace the paragraph beginning on line 3 with this amended paragraph:

Fig. 6 is a view for use in describing the measurement relationship in the case of inserting the light source bar 13 and the light guiding plate 12 into the light source cover

15 of the first embodiment. As illustrated in Fig. 6, the width A of the deepest portion 15b of the light source cover 15 measured from the bottom portion 15d is a little larger than each thickness B of the light guiding plate 12 and the light source bar 13. Namely, in Fig. 6, $B < A$.

Replace the paragraph on page 21, line 24 – page 22, line 4 with the following paragraph:

In the surface emitting device of the invention, a reflective film 15f or something for reflecting a light from the light source can be provided in the inner surface of the metal plate which forms the cover, having the spring characteristic. Alternatively, the metal plate can be made of stainless steel with mirror finished surface by electrolytic polishing. Furthermore, the metal plate can be made of low alloy steel chromeplated.